IDENTIFICATION OF APPLESNAILS (POMACEA) IN U.S. WATERS

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Spike-top Applesnail Pomacea bridgesi

Channeled Applesnail Pomacea canaliculata

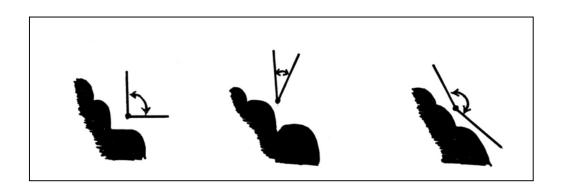
Florida Applesnail Pomacea paludosa

IDENTIFICATION TRAITS: Shape of whorls, sometimes size, spire elevation; but never color.

Spike-top applesnail – Whorls have rather square shoulders that are flat on top; usually less than 50 mm shell height; spire pointed and elevated.

Channeled applesnail – Whorls rounded or with weak shoulders, channeled between whorls, occasionally with a ridge along the outer channel edge; very large, to more than 80 mm shell height; spire moderately elevated.

Florida applesnail – Whorls with rounded or very weak shoulders; to 60 mm shell height or more; spire depressed, not elevated.



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